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The Pacifists—All of Them.

The friends of peace ought all carefully to strive to pull together. Ignorance of accomplishments, hasty criticisms of tried and tested methods, assumed superiority of new and striking modes of operation, and the like, invariably result in weakness, slowness, and disrepute. The pacifists, of all men, should beware of falling into these errors.

The following paragraph was written by Hon. Oscar S. Straus in the October number of the American Review of Reviews, in a most interesting and instructive article on the dedication of the Peace Palace at The Hague:

"Within the past few weeks three notable international pacifist events have taken place—the meeting of the Institute of International Law at Oxford. the dedication of the Peace Palace at The Hague,

and also at The Hague the assembly of the International Parliamentary Union."

It is difficult to understand how the Twentieth International Peace Congress should have been omitted from the list of "notable international pacifist events," named by Mr. Straus as special marks of the growing power of the peace of the world. This Congress took place immediately in connection with the dedication of the Hague Peace Palace, was attended by nearly one thousand pacifists, including many prominent public men, was an unusually effective demonstration, and was treated with the highest respect and honor by the Dutch government itself.

The mere omission of the Congress by Mr. Straus does not necessarily signify any unfavorable judgment on his part. The failure to speak of it may have been unintentional, as may have been the failure to mention the Twenty-eighth International Convention of the International Law Association held at Madrid a little while earlier; but the conspicuous omission leads us to say a thing or two which ought to be emphasized by all peace workers.

The international peace movement, as developed during the last century, and extraordinarily amplified and strengthened within the last two decades, is one of the most remarkable social phenomena known in the history of men. The peace societies, increased to now nearly one thousand in number, operating in almost all the important centers of the world; the great Interparliamentary Union of over three thousand statesmen, the International Law Association and the kindred Institute of International Law, the Peace Congresses, international and national; the Governmental Peace Conferences at The Hague, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Ginn World Peace Foundation, the Nobel Peace Prize Foundation, the vigorous Students' Associations, the Workingmen's Unions, the Women's Peace Associations and committees and several kindred organizations like the International Conciliation Association, the Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, etc., must powerfully impress all well-informed people of the extraordinary strength now lodged in the hands of the peace forces. It is of the utmost concern that all pacifists should acquaint themselves thoroughly with all phases of this movement, and not allow themselves haughtily to ignore and depreciate any of these peace forces because of supposed superiority of their own. The cause is the one and same splendid cause, whatever method may be used to advance it.

An important group of peace workers are just now beginning to style themselves the "new pacifists."